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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Akiachak Native Community plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

We plan to use part of these funds to pay providers based on child enrollment instead of child attendance.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

We plan to use part of these funds to purchase PPE for relative providers, hire cleaning specialists, and make minor renovations to improve sanitation conditions. We also plan to purchase a new washer and dryer for our tribally operated center to better wash and clean toys and other items. We also plan to purchase book and toys for the tribally operated center and for relative providers to replace toys and books that are old and difficult to keep clean.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

We plan to use part of these funds to offer grants to providers to purchase PPE to keep their homes clean during hours of operation. We also plan to offer retention bonuses to relative providers that agree to provide child care during the summer months. For our teachers in the tribally operated center, we plan to offer temporary bonuses for teacher, extended sick pay for teachers who must take time off after testing positive for the coronavirus, and pay teachers who are completing trainings from home.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

We are waiting for further guidance before making plans to spend under this heading.

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5. Other

We plan to use part of the funds to enhance our outdoor play space to promote social distancing when playing outside, and to stock up on snacks.

The Akiachak Native Community will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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CCDF Administrator

Akiachak Native Community

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Overview: All CCDF lead agencies (states, territories, and tribes- including 102-477 tribes) will submit a letter of approximately TWO pages describing how they plan to use the funds provided by CRRSA. The law requires reports to be submitted by February 25, 2021 (which is 60 days after enactment). Email letters to your RPM and address it to the Director. We expect to acknowledge receipt of reports, but do not have a formal approval process.

Components: Letters must cover the following categories that align with the requirements and recommendations included in CRRSA:

- *Direct Services (Subsidies);*
- *Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices;*
- *Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers;*
- *Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic; and,*
- *Other.*

Lead agencies who have not yet determined how they will spend their CCDF CRRSA funds should indicate that and include a timeline and plan for deciding how they will be spent.

Revisions: These reports outline initial plans at the date of submission, but are not binding. Lead agencies may change how they plan to use their CCDF CRRSA funds after submitting their letters and do not have to submit a revised report. Those data will be collected through other means. Please keep in mind outcomes of CRRSA funded activities will be reported on, so ensure for data collection mechanisms prior to implementation of activities.